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THE NEWS' WHEAT ESTIMATE.

Some of our land men are finding fault with The News because its estimate of the average yield of wheat per acre for this county, made some six weeks ago after close observation, was put at anywhere between 12 and 15 bushels. At that time a consensus of opinion among farmers pointed to an average of 20 bushels per acre.

The acreage of wheat in the county, fall and spring sowing combined, is said to be near nine thousand acres. Much of this was planted in a very poor way. Drilled and disced in in some instances without any prior preparation as to breaking the land and hap hazard as to the amount of seed sown. Much of the grain sown was left near the surface and again some of it was put down with drills to a depth of six inches. The result was that all kinds of stands were had.

The "scratched" in wheat suffered materially from the drouth experienced in the early part of May. In fact acres and acres of this character of sowing was practically killed out. In The News wheat estimate all of this is included and should be to get the general average for the entire county.

But say complainants, "you should not allow for those slovenly put in crops, or for those in the northern part of the county damaged by hail, you ought only to give the good ones."

The News would like to do this—give only the good crops—but this would not be the general average and if claimed to be it would be untrue and therefore do more harm than good.

As stated in former issues of this paper the reported yields are, in the general markets, always connected with the total acreage sown and exaggerated reports always injure the producer to say nothing of the loss of reputation for truth and veracity—on the part of those giving currency to them. They "bear" the market, are doing so at this very writing and thereby deprive the farmer of the price he is justly entitled to.

Had all the land in this county sown to wheat been prepared in a farmer-like manner and the seed put in accordingly the average yield would not have been far short of twenty bushels per acre. As it is some will make as high as thirty bushels per acre while others, on account of sorry work and short seeding will run as low as six or even five bushels.

The land in Randall county except the canyons, is about all of a whatness—a broad rich prairie, one section being as near alike another section in all that makes good land as is two peas. Under such conditions what some men have done made thirty bushels of wheat to the acre all could have done had they only tried for it.

Our readers can always depend on The News giving the facts, as far as it knows them, good or bad, and according to its way of thinking, the facts about Randall county are good enough.

PRIMARY ELECTION TOMORROW.

To-morrow is primary election day. The ticket for use in this county will be found in this paper. Read it over with proper consideration.

All along down the line vote only for those men whom you believe will best serve the interest of the country.

If your favor submitting the question of state-wide prohibition to a vote of all the people of Texas in a general election to be held for that one particular purpose, presumably sometime next year, vote "for submission; crossing the negative out. If opposed to this cross out the affirmative and let the negative stand.

The clauses in regard to local option really amount to nothing, as a vote either way will not change the present law.

There should be held in each voting precinct also tomorrow—Saturday—a convention for the purpose of selecting delegates to the county convention.

The county convention which selects delegates to the state and district conventions will be held Saturday Aug 1.

The News wants to record every Democrat in Randall county as going to the primaries.

It's the clear duty of every Democrat to do so.

At Argentine, Kansas, last Friday a Mrs. Susan Turner presented her husband with three boys and one girl.

Attorney General Davidson is sure to succeed himself. The News ventures the prediction that his majority over Wynne in to-morrow's primary will exceed that obtained by Senator Bailey in the last primary.

In the humble opinion of The News "Black Jack" Williams falls short of measuring up to the requirements of a Texas Governor and so in the primary Saturday its editor will vote for Tom Campbell.

It is claimed that Bob Williams, candidate for governor, will carry Collin, Denton, Ellis, Fannin and all the other black land counties. The strength of his pull there seems to lay in the fact that those people want their lands taxed at about \$10 per acre. They fail to see that Gov. Campbell is merely trying to carry out the present terms of the law which, fortunately for the rest of the state, is making these black land folks tote fair, something they have not heretofore been doing.

Somebody is writing for the paper that apples eaten just before retiring are a great help to digestion. We tried it, about 2 o'clock we dreamed that a fiery red dragon with pea-green tail and eyes as big as soap plates, was carving us with a meat saw and a sword. We finally awoke to find our good wife fanning us with a bed slat and trying to get the baby out of the coal scuttle, where I had put it to keep the dragon from getting it. Darn the apple. Give us prunes."—Ex.

SOWING THE WHEAT.

Not Enough Seed Put in the Ground at Time of Planting.

A writer in the Hereford Brand of last week had a sensible talk on the amount of wheat per acre to sow. He says:

A little talk on wheat growing in this country based mostly on required amount of seed to be used. I have heard one half bushel recommended to be sufficient and also seen men get very much excited over counting as high as thirty-five sprouts from one single grain. This also aroused my curiosity in this important matter and for my own gratification I made special observations of different fields in the last two growing crops and find according to my judgment in the matter that while that amount represents a great saving to a poor farmer, he is a heavy loser in harvest time. I notice in every instance that the stand is not what it should be. All the sprouts that start from a grain of wheat certainly does not produce a stalk and a head of wheat besides many of them that do are very weak ones. And on the face of it all it is very unreasonable to cut the usual amount sowed in the east and north which is one and one half bushel down to one third, and my advice is to sow one bushel to the acre, cutting out only one-third. I did not come here from Missouri, but I will have to show seven good crops out of ten before I will believe that one half bushel of seed wheat is sufficient for one acre of land. I wish to remark further that the importance of having a good strong stand of wheat does not rely only on the extra number of heads more, but it helps greatly to hold the moisture longer which has been a great item in the two last years here. Now as there are two sides to all questions I would be pleased to hear from the opposite.

What the above writer says reminds The News editor of something he read in a Farm Journal years ago. It told of an American and a German who owned fields with just a cross fence between them. The quality of the land was the same and it happened that each of these men had wheat in their fields "hand running for" for several years. The German always made a good crop and the native always a short one. One day as they met on the turn row the American said to his German neighbor: "How comes it that you always raise twice as many bushels of wheat to the acre as I do?"

The German, replying said: "Vell I tells you. When you sow de seed you hold him tight mit de hand and say: God save de veet, God save de veet!" And only a leetle gets mit de ground.

Ven I sow de seed I hold him loose mit de hand and say: To h'll mit de veet, to h'll mit the veet! Und plenty gets in to de ground."

The pith of the matter is, that it is a great mistake to sow too little of any thing. "As you sow, so shall you reap," says holy writ and this applies as well to material things as to spiritual.

W. H. Hicks informs The News reporter that the Andy Beckman crop, mentioned last week as making 15 bushel per acre and sold in Ft. Worth, came off a field in which only twenty lbs. of wheat was sown per acre. Too little even if with a drill and this way of doing in connection with the "scratching" methods followed by many in the preparation of the soil and in the sowing accounts largely for the sorry turnouts at the thresher.

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